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FOR: SCS

1. CONSOFF VISITED REPPAS 16AUG. REPPAS BEGAN BY SAYING HOW PLEASED HE WAS WITH PROGRESS OF HEARINGS BEFORE JUGE D' INSTRUCTION WHICH HAD CONTINUED THIS WEEK (REFTEL). REPPAS WANTED TO THANK EMBASSY FOR THIS AND FELT SURE THAT MISSION HAD INTERVENED ON HIS BEHALF.

2. WHEN ASKED BY CONSOFF IF HE WAS THEN PREPARED TO CONTINUE CASE TO TRIAL, REPPAS SAID NO. IN TALK WITH HIS LAWYER RAVONY WHO ATTENDED HEARINGS LAST WEEK FOR FIRST TIME, IT WAS DECIDED THAT AT END OF HEARINGS PETITION WILL BE FILED FOR "LIBERTE ANNULLAIRE" (DROPPING CHARGES BEFORE TRIAL).

3. REPPAS WAS UNABLE TO TELL CONSOFF WHEN HEARING WOULD END, BUT FELT THAT "SLOPPINESS" OF PIVETEAU EXPERTISE (REFTEL B) HAD SO WEAKENED GOVT'S CASE THAT "TRIAL WILL NOT BE NECESSARY BECAUSE CASE WILL BE THROWN OUT".

4. COMMENTS: GIVEN FACT THAT HEARINGS ARE NOW BEING PURSUED VIGOROUSLY AND CURRENT REPPAS ATTITUDE TOWARD EVENTUAL TRIAL, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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